National Manuscripts Library for Sanskrit

*518. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from Sanskrit Scholars for setting up of a National Manuscripts Library in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when the said Library is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Conference on Sanskrit and Prakrit manuscripts held by the Department of Culture on 17-12-2000 at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, various Sanskrit Scholars recommended to the conference that a national manuscript library be set up wherein copies of all such manuscripts should be made available.

(c) and (d) No decision has been taken to set up such a library by the Department of Culture as yet.

Pulse production in Andhra Pradesh

*519. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is one of the largest Producers of pulses in the country, after Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and their production in the State is increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what are the details of facilities being extended to growers of pulses by the Central Government and the Andhra Pradesh Government, so as to boost production of pulses in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Andhra Pradesh is one of the major pulse producing States. The State-wise production of pulses during last three years is given Statement *(See* below).

(c) For boosting the production and productivity of pulses in the country, the Government of India brought pulses under the ambit of Technology Mission in 1990. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented in 30 States/U.T. including Andhra Pradesh for increasing the production of pulses. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the growers of pulses through State Governments for production and distribution of seeds, seed minikits, rhyzobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements etc. Field demonstrations and farmers training are also being organised for the transfer of improved production and protection technology to the farmers field for increasing the production of pulses. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has implemented National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) scheme effectively in the State and strategies adopted for enhancement of Area and augmentation of production and productivity are as under:

1. Distribution of location specific pest resistant varieties of pulses.

2. Conducting of on-Farm Extension Demonstrations, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programme, Farmers training on latest pulses production technology, utilizing the sprinkler systems to ensure life saving irrigation.

The cost of project is shared on 75:25 basis between Government of India and State Government.

The details of financial assistance provided to Government of

Andhra Pradesh under National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) during last three years arc given below:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Central Releases (Gol Share)
1998-99	245.00
1999-2000	105.00
2000-2001	91.00

Statement

State-wise production of pulses

(Production-Lakh tonnes)

S. No.	State/UTs.	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5.16	8.27	7.61
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.07	0.07	0.05
3.	Assam	0.61	0.67	0.63
4.	Bihar	6.61	7.92	7.09
5.	Goa	0.07	0.09	0.06
6.	Gujarat	6.08	6.34	4.05
7.	Himachal Pradesh	0.12	0.13	0.18
8.	Haryana	3.74	3.53	0.75
9.	J & K	0.18	0.18	0.24
10.	Karnataka	4.91	7.47	8.36
11.	Kerala	0.27	0.23	0.19
12.	Madhya Pradesh	32.78	36.19	37.95
13.	Maharashtra	11.86	22.55	21.84
14.	Manipur	—	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	0.02	0.03	0.03
16.	Mizoram	—	0.09	0.05
17.	Nagaland	0.12	0.12	0.13

s. No	StatoUTs.	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
18.	Orissa	2.86	2.49	2.43
19.	Punjab	0.6	0.51	0.42
20.	Rajasthan	26.3	24.44	9.04
21.	Sikkim	0.06	0.06	0.09
22.	Tamil Nadu	2.38	3.04	3.64
23.	Tripura	0.05	0.04	0.04
24.	Uttar Pradesh	22.8	23.24	25.96
25.	West Bengal	1.48	1.26	2.15
26.	A & N Island	0.02	0	0
27.	Delhi	0.02	0	0
28.	Others	0.63	0.07	0.07
	TOTAL:	129.79	149.07	133.5

Approval of refinery projects

*520. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of approvals in respect of refinery projects of M£ Oil Ltd. and Reliance Petroleum Ltd. with regard to finaHn-principle clearances under Forest Conservation Act; under Coastal Regulation Zone Act (CRZ Act) and under Wild Life Act respectively; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no further approvals are required by these refineries under these Act?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONENMT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The various approvals accorded under the Acts are as follows:

I. Under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:—

(i) Final approval for diversion of 1.9866 ha. forest land for laying pipeline and approach facilities in favour of M4 Reliance Petroleum Ltd. on 18.8.97.

(ii) Final approval for diversion of 0.18 ha. forest land for construction of approach road in favour of Mi Reliance Petroleum Ltd. on 18.8.97.